STATE AID TO INDUSTRIES ACT—TALUK COMMITTEES—CONSTITUTION OF.

49. Mr. M. K. Devassy: Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether Taluk Committees for the purpose of advising the Government on applications for aid have been constituted in pursuance of the State Aid to Industries Act;

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative, the number of such committees and the places where they are started ;

(*c*) whether the Government has started industrial enterprises for experimental purposes anywhere in the State ;

(*d*) if the answer to (*c*) is in the affirmative, the number and names of such experimental concerns ;

(*e*) whether the Government has assisted any industrial concern by any of the agreements contemplated by sub-clause (*d*) of section 19 of the State Aid to Industries Act ;

(*f*) if the answer to (*e*) is in the affirmative, the number and general details of such agreements ?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Six (one for each of the six Taluks). The Committees function at the respective taluk headquarters.

(*c*) None.

(*d*) Does not arise in view of answer to sub-division (*c*).

(*e*) None.

(*f*) Does not arise in view of answer to sub-division (*e*).

KERALA AYURVEDA SAMAJAM—CHERUTHURUTHI—MANAGEMENT OF.

50. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan : Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) when the institution named the Kerala Ayurveda Samajam, Cheruthuruthi was started ;

(*b*) whether the Government have donated any amount to that institution ;

(*c*) if the answer to (*b*) is in the affirmative, what amount has been paid so far ;

(*d*) whether the Government have any control over the management of the Samajam and its properties ?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon : (*a*) 20—10—1917

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Rs. 18,346—3—2.

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(*d*) The Government have no control over the management of the Samajam and its properties.

Mr. K. Kochukunjan Kaimal: Was this donation given to the Samajam on any condition?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: Yes. The donation was promised on the following terms, viz., that the annual report of the Samajam should be submitted to the Government year after year and that the Diwan Peishkar should be allowed to examine the books of the Samajam to find out the actual contributions to the Samajam yearly. We do this because the donation by the Government is promised to be a third of the yearly collections. Of course there is a limit fixed, up to Rs. 30,000.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan: Was this amount given in a lump?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: No, no. It is spread over several years, 1093 to 1112, i. e., say 1919—1936.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar: Excepting the right of the Diwan Peishkar to examine the books, can the Government exercise any other sort of control?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: No.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon: Does not Government stand committed to pay the balance of Rs. 12,000?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: No. As a matter of fact there is no commitment on the part of Government. Because on receipt of certain complaints, Government wanted to examine the books of the Samajam and on refusal of the management to accept our request, we in the first instance suspended payment and ultimately stopped the payment.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan: Does not this Samajam solely depend upon Government donation?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: The Samajam is mainly run on donations. The Samajam collects donations from all people. Suppose they succeed in collecting Rs. 3,000 a year, our promise is that we will contribute to the extent of Rs. 1,000. It is for the purpose of ascertaining the exact amount collected by the Samajam that a provision authorising the Diwan Peishkar to examine the books is made.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan: May I know what work is being done by the Samajam?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: The Samajam has hospitals where they are treating patients. Many patients are treated there. It is a well-known institution in Cheruthuruthi.

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Mr. K. Kochukunjan Kaimal: Was there any complaint regarding the management of this institution?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: Of course. The Government have received a few complaints. It was on receipt of those complaints, certain correspondence was started with the Samajam and it is as a result of this correspondence that the Government first suspended payment of the last year and then ultimately stopped it.

Mr. K. Kochukunjan Kaimal: Does the Government think it necessary to institute any enquiry as regards the management of this institution?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: That matter is still engaging the consideration of the Government.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan: May I know who are managing this Samajam?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: It is under the management of a board of directors consisting of about a dozen gentlemen.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan: Is it a registered Samajam?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: Yes.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty: May I know whether the Government have any objection in asking them to accept some of our control in the matter of management?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: In fact Government did want our auditors to go and examine their accounts with a view to see how far the complaints made against management are substantiated by facts. We did that and the matter has not been finally disposed of. There is still some correspondence between the Government and the Samajam.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty: Apart from the right of inspecting their books by the Diwan Peishkar to see whether they have collected donations, has any other attempt been made to place some of our men on the managing body?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: Straightaway that cannot be done. But this aspect has not escaped the attention of the Government. The Government are considering whether it is possible to have some control over the management. But since it is a registered society, we have no right to ask them to see that a member of Government or a nominee of Government is included in the board of mangement.

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